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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application on its merits,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

This application is a divisional of prior application No. 09/579,167, filed
May 25, 2000. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a division of United States patent application No.
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 8-11, 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

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REMARKS

Claims 4-7 and 12-18 are now pending in the application.

CONCLUSION

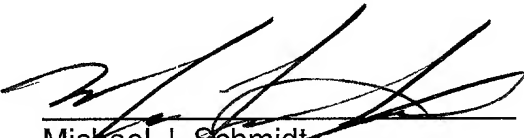
In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant would submit that all Claims are in a condition for allowance and thus Applicant requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present amendment he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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